

## **BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION OF JASPER COUNTY**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 9, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Vice Chairperson Pamela M. Williams; Mrs. Denise Davidson; Mr. John Kemp; Ms. Carrie Fair and the Director Ms. Jeanine Bostick.

**ABSENT:** Chairman Joseph Arzillo and Mr. Rodney Catterton.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motioned by Ms. Fair and seconded by Mr. Kemp to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES- OCTOBER 11, 2018 BOARD MEETING:** Motioned by Ms. Fair, seconded by Mr. Kemp to approve the October 11, 2018 board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No Comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mrs. Davidson to not go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS – OVERVIEW OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION:** Mr. Kemp stated he felt overall the election went well, there were a few issues but nothing major; Sun City had long lines, feeling is we could use more voting machines and another laptop for EVRL processing. Curbside voting was a challenge, iVotronics batteries losing its charge while outside voting curbside. Mr. Kemp stated he spoke with the two couples that wrote letters to the Board about long lines and voter suppression. Mr. Kemp stated one couple understood after speaking with them, but, the one couple did not so understand. Mr. Kemp stated County Council and the Delegation needed to be aware of these concerns in hopes of trying to improve the situation. The Director commented the letters were sent to County Council and the Delegation. The Director also concurred with Mr. Kemp the election went well some candidate issues came up and was handled with no incidents; some Clerks needed assistance with printing zero tapes, a few voting machines clocks had to be set to correct time due to daylight savings time. Voter turnout was great 46.84% which is good for Jasper County. Ms. Fair commented precinct setup training could use some improvement during poll workers training to ensure each Clerk is aware of how there precinct is to be arrange to ensure we are within ADA compliance. Vice Chairwoman Williams stated she felt the election went well and the Board needed to work together as a Board. Vice Chairperson Williams commented the Board needs to have some type of badge identifying who we were. Vice Chairperson Williams commented on the Observers at the Absentee precinct. Observers had to be told not to talk while voters were in the precinct voting and the Director had problems with observers not sitting in the designated area against the wall. Observers are there to observe the process and not interfere with the process.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** The Director informed the Board of a Drop In Appreciation Luncheon for the Poll Workers. The Drop In would be Wednesday, November 21, 2018 from 1pm to 5pm catered by Terry Riley of the Jasper County Detention Center who caters the county Christmas luncheons. The Director informed the Board she would be out of the office next week to celebrate her birthday.

Total Registered voters: **18,814** as of October 28, 2018 increase of 384.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None.

**BOARD ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

- Proper Signage for Office, ie., Location
- Board Quorums Concerns
- Point of Order While In Meetings
- Computerize System to Reach out to Poll Workers
- The Local Republican Party July Poll Workers letter needs to be addressed:
  - a. Quoting the wrong law for General Elections related to poll workers
  - b. Need to ensure their nominated poll workers are actually available to work
  - c. Need to understand no Political Party designates what precinct a poll worker works at

**TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- Status of Budget
- Equipment Inventory ie., Voting machines and Laptops
- Computerization Representative of E-Z Votes
- Emergency Preparedness Manual
- Executive Session?

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motioned to adjourn by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Ms. Fair. Meeting adjourned at 10:23am. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanine Bostick, Director

cc: File; Board Members; Mr. Andy Fulghum, County Administrator; Jasper Delegation